

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

We are writing to seek an explanation for your January 20, 2003 report to Congress on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program. This report was submitted to the Congress pursuant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law-107-243).

We appreciate your recognition that the statement from the January 28 State of the Union address regarding British intelligence on African uranium should not have been included. We know that a similar statement was deleted from your October 7 speech.

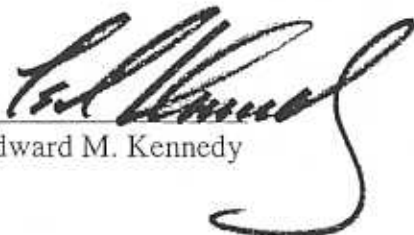
What we fail to understand is how a similar statement found its way into your January 20 report to the Congress. That report -- which preceded the State of the Union address by eight days -- stated, among other things, that Iraq had failed to explain "attempts to acquire uranium and the means to enrich it."

We would like to know how this information got into the January 20 report to the Congress -- especially in light of revelations today that the CIA had sent two memos to the White House as early as October raising concerns about the veracity of the intelligence.

We would like to have copies of all memos from the CIA and other intelligence agencies on this matter, as well as a full explanation of how this statement was included in the January 20 report to Congress and the State of the Union address.

We look forward to hearing from you about this important matter.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy



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